

October 21, 2013

## **MINUTES OF AN REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

### **2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Candioly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Bunting, Candioly, Endo-Roberts, Frangos, and Chairperson Korman.

Absent: Commissioners Miranda and Rische.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to grant Commissioner Miranda an excused absence for the October 21, 2013 Commission meeting. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

### **4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Miranda and Rische).

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **5A. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Candioly moved to approve the September 16, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Miranda and Rische).

### **6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

None.

### **7. ON GOING BUSINESS**

#### **7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS DEBRIEF**

Manager Rappoport led a general discussion about the October 20, 2013 Excellence in Arts awards program. Commissioners agreed with her that it was a successful event that keeps getting better every year. She stated that approximately

450 invitations were sent out, including previous award recipients. She noted that this year there was a lower than normal turnout, with between 130 and 140 in attendance, and suggested that it might have been because the honorees did not invite as many guests as usual.

Commissioners relayed several positive comments they received and how impressed people were with the caliber of the presentations. They expressed their appreciation for all the assistance given by Performing Arts Specialist Inferrera and staff members. They congratulated Commissioners Candioly for a job well done as master of ceremonies. Commissioners offered suggestions for improvement for next year's event regarding picture taking, seating arrangement, and refreshments. The possibility of opening the ceremony up to the community and advertising was discussed so that more people are able to see the talent that exists in Torrance.

Manager Rappoport stated that the event should be aired on CitiCABLE and that she would send out a press release to local newspapers. She encouraged Commissioners to start thinking now about possible nominees for next year's award ceremony.

## **8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **8A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS**

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

### **8B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that they are waiting for the Capital Project budget to come forward before construction of the Wilson Park amphitheatre project can begin.

### **8C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Manager Rappoport reported that she received a nice letter from Saturday Night Bath.

## **9. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for September 2013 was included in agenda packets. She announced an exhibition opening "Sur Biennial" on October 26 at Torrance Art Museum, the Halloween Carnival on October 31 at Wilson Park, and that rehearsals have begun for "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play."

## **10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**10A.** Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed Torrance Art Museum's last exhibit, particularly Joe Meiser in Gallery Two. She added that she and Commissioner Frangos went to see Walking Papers at the Roxy, Mark Lanegan at the Troubadour, and a Carol King tribute band at Alva's Showroom.

**10B.** Commissioner Frangos stated that she also went to the Saturday Night Bath concert, the September 26 Commission Chairperson training, exhibition opening at Cal State Dominguez Hills art gallery, Library Gala, Printer's Museum, LACMA, and Austin City Limits music festival.

**10C.** Commissioner Candioly announced the birth of his granddaughter and discussed visits to Seattle galleries.

**10D.** Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that she enjoyed the Saturday Night Bath concert, "The Long Weekend" for a second time, and a Sea Fair fundraiser for Aquarium of the Pacific.

**10F.** Chairperson Korman stated that she and Commissioner Miranda accepted the Proclamation for October as National Arts & Humanities Month at the October 1 City Council meeting. She also attended the Chairperson training, "Spank!" at the Armstrong Theatre, an Elvis tribute band, Bellydance Superstars, and volunteered at "The Squirm Burpee Circus."

**10G.** Chairperson Korman initiated a brief discussion about the need for more publicity about Cultural Arts Center events and possible installation of electronic marquees.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Bunting seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Korman so ordered.

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Approved as submitted November 18, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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